

# highlights & celebrations

## black history month program

This year our Black History Month program was another success! Thank you to our EEMS dance team, band, chorus, theater, and our MC Ms. Fowler-Frazier for the amazing performances for our kids and community.

## spelling bee

This year at our annual School Spelling Bee, we had five students advance to the District Bee. Congrats to **Levi Hampton, Ronald Lynch, Braiden Poland, Madi Paschos, and Taliah Simmons!**

## veteran's day

For Veteran's Day, we had our second annual ceremony to recognize the importance of honoring those who fought for our country. This ceremony involved several student performances and speeches, as well as our keynote speaker, Mr. Joe Thomas.

## science fair

6-8th grade students demonstrated Science and Engineering practices through experimentation and effectively communicated their analyses and findings to a series of judges. Congrats to all the winners!

## color run

All of our students had the option to participate in a color run at EEMS this year! Thank you to everyone who fundraised and volunteered to help.

# SIG information & about EEMS

## our mission

In collaboration with our community, East Edisto Middle School strives to create a learning environment that fosters the development of the whole child.

## our vision

East Edisto Middle School endeavors to be the best neighborhood middle school in the competitive Dorchester District 2 system through relationship building, rigorous learning practices, and maintaining relevance to our student and family population.

## our commitments

- ★ We will build strong, compassionate relationships.
- ★ We will empower students to be collaborators and innovators in an ever-changing world.
- ★ We will support the development of individual thinkers and life-long learners.
- ★ We will provide a safe and inclusive learning environment where all stakeholders are valued members of The Pack.

## 2023-2024 SIG members

**Appointees:** Adam Frantz, Holly Plyler, Ronnie Sellers

**Electees:** Jennifer Thompson (President), Matthew Tanner (Vice President), Rebecca Sauers (Secretary), Melody Wakefield, Chonsie Eechaute

**Ex-Officio:** Amanda Wilkins & Brion Rutherford

## EEMS administration team

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# 23-24 EAST EDISTO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Report to the Parents



## career expo

Our project this year for School Improvement Council was the Career Expo: an effort to build more community and family involvement with EEMS.

With this, we aimed to provide all students with firsthand exposure to diverse career paths and professional opportunities, especially ones they might not have been interested in before. Through the 25+ interactive presentations, workshops, and networking opportunities, students had the chance to explore a wide range of professions, from traditional fields to emerging ones, all in a personalized classroom setting.

## ABC MAP data

### Fall to Spring Growth Targets Met

<b>ELA:</b>	<b>Math:</b>
6th grade - 49.7%	6th grade - 69.1%
7th grade - 60.1%	7th grade - 50.7%
8th grade - 47.3%	8th grade - 54.0%

### Students Above 60th Percentile

<b>ELA:</b>	<b>Math:</b>
6th grade - 49%	6th grade - 50%
7th grade - 40%	7th grade - 35%
8th grade - 55%	8th grade - 57%

## "of the year" staffulty

**Teacher of the Year:** Shae Simoneau

**Co-Rookie Teachers of the Year:** Liz Mataya & Marcley Dorsainvil

**Star Performer:** Amy Berlanda

**Counselor of the Year:** Charly Glasscho

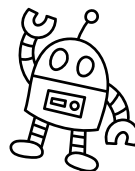
## clubs

### First Lego Robotics

Amy Baldwin, Kyle Wilson, Matthew Tanner  
Sponsored by NIWC

### VEX Robotics

Amy Baldwin  
Sponsored by Raising Canes



### Archery

Brenna Hinson & Austin Stevens  
Sponsored by Hoyt & Berenyi Engineering Consulting

### Math Counts

Lauren Rappa & Erica Schultz  
Nationally Sponsored  
**Shoutout to Stephen Powell, who placed in the top 10% of all competing students state-wide!**

### Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Rebecca Sauers, Kyle Wilson, Cara Heinen, Lindsay Vanderwey  
Nationally Sponsored

**STEM Club**  
Amy Baldwin

### Storm the Citadel

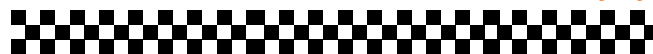
Amy Baldwin

**Photography Club**  
Allie Vinson

### Pep Squad

Sydney Shaw, Meredith Noah, Jennifer Thompson

“do the right things. at the right time. for the right reasons.”



## sports!

**Girls' Volleyball:** Kayla McCombs, Chonsie Eechaute, Lindsay Vanderwey  
*2nd in District Championship; Shoutout to Kaelyn Ellis and Joslin McLemore for all-conference team*

**Boys' Basketball:** Marcley Dorsainvil  
*2nd in District Championship; Shoutout to Montrez Respass and Dylan Tasca for all-conference team*

**Girls' Basketball:** Susan Baus, Cortney Huckaby, Rebecca Sauers  
*2nd in District Championship; Shoutout to Annemarie Ehritz and Aliyas Foster for all-conference team*

**Wrestling:** Jeremy Campbell

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## PBIS at EEMS

The HOWLL Team manages and promotes the EEMS Student Incentive System, combining elements of PBIS and Josten's Renaissance Program. We recognize student and staffulty achievement, growth, and commitment to school culture and climate through quarterly rewards and celebrations.

## reality town

Reality Town gives students a simulation-like experience where they gain insight on what life might be like financially as an adult.

Students learn:

- Principles of Debt and Savings and the Impact of Interest
- Importance of putting "Needs" before "Wants"
- Goal Setting, Education Planning and Career Planning
- Benefits of Education on Future Earnings and Lifestyle

## performing arts

The EEMS Wolfpack Singers have received multiple superior ratings this school year. This year, members of chorus and choir performed in:

- Disney World
- Dorchester School District 2 Honor Choir
- SCMEA Solo & Ensemble
- Taylor Festival Choir
- Summerville Italian Festival

